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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1 – 11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) A sustained-release dosage form for the delivery of a progestogenic steroid, the dosage form comprising:

a capsule;

a self-emulsifying drug formulation contained within a first portion of the capsule, wherein the self-emulsifying drug formulation ~~comprises~~ comprising a progestogenic steroid, an oil, and an emulsifier selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylenated castor oil, polyoxyethylene lauryl ether, polyoxyethylenated stearic acid, polyoxyethylenated stearyl alcohol, and polyoxyethylenated oleyl alcohol;

an expandable layer contained within a second portion of the capsule, wherein the expandable layer is positioned such that the self-emulsifying drug formulation can be expelled from the capsule upon expansion of the expandable layer; and

a semipermeable membrane formed over at least a portion of an outer surface of the capsule.

13. (previously presented) The dosage form of claim 12, wherein the expandable layer comprises an osmotic hydrogel, an osmotically effective solute, and a hydroxyalkylcellulose.

14. (previously presented) The dosage form of claim 12, further comprising an exit orifice that is formed or formable within the semipermeable membrane.

15. (previously presented) The dosage form of claim 12, wherein the semipermeable membrane comprises a cellulose acetate and a polyethylene glycol.

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16-17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) The dosage form of claim 12, wherein the ~~self-emulsifying drug formulation comprises an oil~~ is selected from the group consisting of a vegetable, mineral, animal and marine oil, an ester of an unsaturated fatty acid, a monoglyceride, a diglyceride, a triglyceride, an acetylated glyceride, olein, palmitin, stearin, lauric acid hexylester, oleic acid, oleylester, glycolyzed ethoxylated glycerides of oils, fatty acids comprising 13 molecules of ethyleneoxide, and oleic acid decylester.

19-23. (canceled)

24. (previously presented) The dosage form of claim 12, wherein the semipermeable membrane comprises a thermoplastic polymer composition having a softening point of 40°C to 180°C.

25. (new) The dosage form of claim 12, wherein the oil is an acetylated glyceride and the emulsifier is a polyoxyethylenated castor oil comprising 9 to 52 moles of ethylene oxide.